

## NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20594

## STATEMENT OF WITNESS

The purpose of this statement is intended solely for use in determining the facts, conditions and circumstances, and the probable cause of the subject accident.

Date: MARCH-3-00

1. Place of accident ARION BLVD. Date JAN-22-00 Hour 2:00 P.M. APPROX.
2. Type of vehicle SMALL PLANE TWO PROPELLERS
3. Identification of vehicle \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is your name RAUL PASSEMENT Age 59
5. Address \_\_\_\_\_
6. Occupation FACILITIES SUPERVISOR By whom employed SINO SWEARINGEN AIRCRAFT, CO.
7. Where were you at the time of the accident NAKOMA A 281 FROM WEST TO EAST
8. Tell in your own words what you saw or heard before and at the time the accident occurred:

I WAS WAITING FOR THE GREEN LIGHT TO TURN, WHEN -  
 SUDDENLY I SAW A SMALL PLANE WITH TWO PROPELLERS  
 BUT ONLY ONE WAS WORKING, WE SAW IT COMING  
 FROM THE AIRPORT HEADING NORTH (281) AND THEN  
 ABOVE K-MART STORE THE PILOT TRIED TO RETURN  
 TO THE RAMP WHEN THE PLANE SPINNED IN THE  
 AIR AND WHEN IT HIT THE GROUND IT EXPLODED

NOTE: - THERE WAS NO SMOKE COMING OUT OF THE  
 PROPELLERS AS IT FELL TO THE GROUND  
 - THE ONLY PROPELLER WAS WORKING WAS THE LEFT  
 SIDE (PILOT SIDE).



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- Date: 31 JAN 00
1. Place of accident ACROSS STREET FROM NAKOMA THEATER Date 21 JAN 00 Hour 1432
2. Type of vehicle PRIVATE AIRPLANE
3. Identification of vehicle MITSUBISHI MU2 (READ IN PAPER)
4. What is your name CATHERINE C WALLS Age 73
5. Address [REDACTED] SAN ANTONIO TX 78247
6. Occupation RET/CIVIL SV By whom employed NA
7. Where were you at the time of the accident STANDING AT THE RIGHT CORNER OF THE NAKOMA THEATER (FACING THE PARKING LOT)
8. Tell in your own words what you saw or heard before and at the time the accident occurred:

ARRIVED AT THE THEATER AT 2:30 PM - GOT OUT OF THE CAR TO GET TICKETS FOR A 2:35 MOVIE. AS I GOT TO THE CORNER I HEARD THIS AIRPLANE MOTOR SO VERY LOUD. I LOOKED UP AND THE PLANE WAS DIRECTLY OVER MY RIGHT SHOULDER (WAS FACING THE PARKING LOT). IT APPEARED TO BE COMING FROM MY LEFT AND WAS TURNING OVER AND OVER. I THOUGHT IT WAS COMING DOWN AT APPROX A 60° ANGLE. IT STARTED DROPPING AT ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF THE PARKING LOT FASTER AND IT SEEMED TO ME THE PILOT MUST HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING TO KEEP IT FROM SPIRALING SO THAT IT WENT INTO THE EMPTY LOT ACROSS FROM THE PARKING ON ITS BOTTOM SIDE. THE FLAMES WERE SO INSTANTANEOUS I COULDN'T SEE ANYTHING EXCEPT FLAMES. AND FROM THE SECOND FLAMING OUT I COULD FEEL THE HEAT FROM WHERE I WAS STANDING.

Catherine C Walls  
(Signature)